A GENEROUS ACT

The entire County of Columbia should be grateful to Mrs. Frances R. Masters, who recently purchased and presented to the Hillsdale grange the old Baptist church at North Hillsdale, for use as a community center.

This old structure, built over one hundred years ago, had long stood idle. Its congregation had died or moved away and the building itself was rapidly going to pieces.

Around it were gathered the memories of a century, within its portals had worshipped a host of devout souls. Here they had come for marriage and from it they had gone on the long, long journey. But now with doors closed and the winds and the rains beating on it, the future for the old edifice was not bright. But Mrs. Masters appreciating its architectural beauty, as well as its availability, took steps to insure its restortation to the service of this generation, as well as those who may come after.

Soon again the old church will blaze with lights. Soon again will come the throngs to its doors, soon again it will play its part in helping Hillsdale and thus serve once more in glorifying the Almighty.

It was a splendid act and for our part we wish there were more people like Mrs. Masters, who would secure these old unused buildings dotting the countryside and make of them places of useful service to their communities.

A WORTH-WHILE PUBLIC SERVICE